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SUBJECT: NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO POLAND, SERGE
BOIDEVOIX

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1. BORN IN 1928, SON OF A FRENCH RAILWAY EMPLOYEE, SERGE BOIDEVAIX IS NOW CONSIDERED ONE OF THE QUAI'S BRIGHT LIGHTS AND IS THE YOUNGEST MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY IN THE FRENCH CAREER FOREIGN SERVICE. HE HAS A DEGREE IN LAW FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PARIS, A DIPLOMA FROM THE INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL STUDIES AND WAS A 1953 GRADUATE OF THE PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION (ENA).

2. AFTER MILITARY SERVICE IN 1953-54, BOIDEVAIX WAS ASSIGNED TO THE QUAI IN THE EUROPEAN AFFAIRS SECTION BEFORE BEING POSTED TO VIENNA (1956-58) AS THIRD SECRETARY. BOIDEVAIX RETURNED TO THE QUAI, FIRST WORKING ON ATOMIC ENERGY QUESTIONS (1958-59) AND THEN IN THE SECRETARIAT GENERAL (1959-60). FROM SEPTEMBER 1960 TO MARCH 1961, HE WAS ON DETACHED SERVICE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR COMMUNITY STATES AFFAIRS.

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BOIDEVAIX THEN RETURNED TO THE QUAI WHERE HE WORKED IN AFRICAN AND MALAGASY AFFAIRS UNTIL BEING ASSIGNED AS FIRST SECRETARY IN WASHINGTON (1962-64).

3. BOIDEVAIX BECAME SECOND COUNSELOR IN BONN (1964-69) AND THEN RETURNED TO THE QUAI AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR AFRICAN AND MALAGASY AFFAIRS. AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS,

HOWEVER, HE WAS NAMED DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR TO MINISTER OF DEFENSE MICHEL DEBRE (1969-73) AND THEN BECAME DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT'S CABINET, A POST HE HELD UNTIL MAY 1974. FROM MAY 1974 UNTIL AUGUST 1976, BOIDEVAIX SERVED AS ADVISOR TO PRIME MINISTER JACQUES CHIRAC FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION. HE HAD BEEN CONSIDERED AS A CANDIDATE FOR AMBASSADOR TO IRAN AND SENEGAL, BEFORE RECEIVING THE NOMINATION FOR POLAND.

4. BOIDEVAIX SPEAKS ENGLISH FLUENTLY AS DOES HIS ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT WIFE FRANCINE. HE ENJOYS HUNTING AND TENNIS.
GAMMON

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